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PRE-SCHOOL GETS PRAISE

A GLOWING Ofsted report has been happily received by staff and students at Bloxham Pre-School after a surprise visit from an inspector last month.

The school in Tadmerton Road, which caters for 49 local youngsters, received mainly "Good" scores with a few "Outstanding" at the last assessment in 2012.

But the new report, published on Ofsted's website on Thursday, May 14, gives the school an "Outstanding" rating on every front.

Supervisor Debbie Davies said staff had been left "shell-shocked" after inspector Gill Little arrived unannounced on Monday, April 27. Pre-schools and nurseries do not receive a warning before someone arrives.

Mrs Davies said: "She spent the whole day with us and talked to the staff and children.

"It's a well-deserved rating because the staff work so hard and are very committed every day that they come here.

"Hopefully what we did on that Monday morning is what we do every day." She added that since the last inspection the team had been keen to do even better.

Improvements were made to the pre-

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school's ICT resources, as well as outdoor features such as climbing equipment, bridges and a vegetable patch.

Some of the inspector's comments, available to view in an online report, include: "Shy children become increasingly confident as they discuss their highly engaging contributions to a photo book", "children have a very good understanding of healthy lifestyles" and "staff safeguard children and discuss safeguarding at regular meetings".

Bloxham Pre-school shares a building with Bloxham Church of England Primary School.

It runs on weekdays during school terms from 8.50am-3pm.

The morning and afternoon session each look after 24 children.

Mrs Davies added: "We are a part of the community.

"We work with parents and the local children's centre, and our fundraising committee go out into the community."

Recently the committee organised an Easter egg hunt and held a stall at

the popular Bloxfest village festival.

There are seven staff members employed at the pre-school, most of whom have worked there for a long period of time and have built a rapport with the children.

Jessica Burns, three, said: "Joe [Davies, a staff member] helps me to do my name, and helps me in the work-shop, and helps me eat my lunch."

Asked what he liked about coming to pre-school, Thomas Ridgers, also three, said: "I like coming to do everything."

For more information on Bloxham Pre-School go online at bloxham-pre-school.co.uk.

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OXON: Bank Holiday rail services will be affected if a planned strike by staff at Network Rail goes ahead.

The National Union for Rail, Maritime and Transport (RMT) workers has said members of Network Rail will stage a 24-hour national strike in a row over pay.

The industrial action is planned to begin at 5pm on Monday, May 25.

Chiltern Railways and First Great Western services are predicted to be affected by the strike.

Network Rail maintains the infrastructure of the railways across England, Wales and Scotland.

Spokesman for First Great Western James Davis said: "Any action is likely to have a significant impact on our ability to run any of our train services."

It is not known how many RMT members will strike in Oxfordshire.

Art fair open

OXFORD: Applications are open for people wishing to exhibit in the fourth Summer Oxford Art Fair.

The outdoor event on Saturday, August 8, and Sunday, August 9, will be held at The Fishes in North Hinksey.

Art aficionados can purchase paintings, ceramics, photography, jewellery and more, directly from the artists. There will also be live music, cocktails and a barbecue.

Local artists wanting to put their works on display should fill out an online form before July 1 by visiting theoxfordartfair.com/application-form

Raid arrests

OXFORD: A man who was arrested in dawn raids across Oxford and Banbury has been rebailed.

The 65-year-old was arrested on suspicion of fraud and trading standards offences as part of raids on April 14 by police and trading standards officers. The man from Oxford was bailed until June 4.

A 37-year-old from Oxford, arrested during the same operation, was bailed until May 27.

A third Oxford man, 77, was bailed until June 3.



Mother and daughter Louise and Ann Sansom receive their joint Volunteer of the Year award from town mayor Sean Woodcock



Sixteen-year-old Keaton Ward receives his Young Volunteer of the Year award for giving his time to Rehoming Animals in Need, based in Oxford

Community stalwarts are honoured for work at mayor's award ceremony

A TEENAGE animal lover, a fundraising mother and daughter and the Citizen's Advice Bureau have all won awards supported by the town mayor.

The annual Community and Volunteer Awards recognise charities, individual charity workers and volunteers who have made outstanding efforts to help others.

Last month, then-town mayor Sean Woodcock appealed for nominations in three categories – Charity of the Year, Volunteer of the Year and Young Volunteer of the Year.

Submissions flooded in and the winners were chosen by Mr Woodcock ahead of an awards ceremony last Tuesday night.

The young volunteer award went to Banbury 16-year-old Keaton Ward for his work with Rehoming Animals in Need, based in Headington, Oxford.

Rain trustee Elizabeth Buckingham said: "Keaton has

been involved with Rain since an early age.

"He attended the rescue centre to socialise, groom and help give medication to the animals.

"He carries out fundraising at local events and for several years has run our tombola stall virtually on his own.

"He is exceptional for his age."

Joint winners of the Volunteer of the Year award were Ann and Louise Sansom for their fundraising efforts.

Since 2013 they have undertaken a variety of projects and gathered £5,280 for Clic Sargent, £1,680 for Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research, and £2,290 for the Horton Hospital Children's Ward.

And the Banbury Citizen's Advice Bureau, based in Cornhill, was named as the best charity.

It will celebrate 50 years in

Banbury this June. Trustee Maureen Carney said: "Many people do not know that CAB is a charity, but it is.

"We have our own management board, trustees and volunteers who provide free, impartial and independent advice to the local community.

"The CAB is open to everyone and is a vital safety net for the local community."

Mr Woodcock, who stepped down from the post as town mayor later that evening with the appointment of Tony Mephram, said: "My predecessor as mayor, Nicholas Turner, launched the award scheme to recognise the unselfish and valuable work done by volunteers.

"Many people give a great deal of their time to helping others and I agree that they should receive recognition.

"I hope future mayors carry on with this award scheme."

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Public urged to contact MPs to help policing budgets cuts

POLICE and Crime Commissioner for Thames Valley Anthony Stansfeld says he does not know where the latest budget savings needed by the force will come from.

And he urged Oxfordshire residents to write to their newly elected MPs to help in his fight to pressure Prime Minister David Cameron's majority government to stop cuts to the police.

It comes at a time when Thames Valley Police needs to save almost £22 million by 2017/18, with a budget deficit of £11.7 million in 2016/17 and £10.2 million in 2017/18.

Speaking to members of the performance scrutiny committee at Oxfordshire County Council last week, Mr Stansfeld said the force had not yet identified where the required savings could be saved.

He said: "Cutting the budget is not

going to be an easy exercise.

"The saving process is becoming more complex and challenging."

The police and crime commissioner added: "I have put my head out a lot more than other police and crime commissioners and it's made me quite unpopular.

"While cuts are necessary, it's a matter of when they stop.

"At the moment, I would say that Thames Valley Police is in a good state, but if you keep going you are going to lose policemen."

When asked by the committee's councillors how county people could help encourage the government to stop the cutbacks, Mr Stansfeld quipped: "Write to your MPs, would be my suggestion."

He continued: "The lack of money going into the Crown Prosecution

Service and the criminal justice system is also a worry to me.

"They will not run smoothly if they don't have the funds."

The Thames Valley force's Chief Constable, Francis Habgood, has previously criticised the government's level of spending on foreign aid.

He said that the money it is allocated by Whitehall would be better spent on essential services within the United Kingdom.

As previously reported in the *Banbury Cake*, there are already plans to axe 36 police officers and 37 other staff posts in 2016/17.

A further 61 staff posts are due to be got rid of during the 2017/18 financial year.

The force had also announced the loss of 187 officer posts and 16 staff positions in November last year.

Inspector on TV program

Animal rescuer has to be available at all times and is met with variety of situations

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AT 6AM on a Friday, most Oxfordshire people would be fast asleep or just preparing to greet the day.

But for Lauren Bailey there was no rest. She was up until 6am rescuing animals in Witney.

Miss Bailey, 27, works as an RSPCA inspector covering the Banbury area. When on call, she could be out rescuing animals anywhere in Oxfordshire.

And now her escapades are being documented in the third series of Channel 5's *The Dog Rescuers*, which began airing at 8pm on Tuesday night.

An animal lover from a young age, Miss Bailey studied psychology at Nottingham university.

She said: "It's come in really useful as you deal with people. Part of my job is trying to understand people's actions and it's made me a bit more patient."

RSPCA inspectors take on complaints made by members of the public about possible cruelty and neglect to both domestic and livestock animals.

This can lead to rescuing trapped or injured creatures, advising people on how to take care of animals or even re-

moving pets from their owners.

Miss Bailey receives about 10 complaints a week in the Banbury area, many of them domestic or relating to horses in more rural areas.

She said: "We get a lot of complaints about beatings, and people worrying that animals they have seen are too thin. Dogs are often left outside with no shelter or kept in cages throughout the day."

"People generally respond well and more often than not are willing to let me in; we have no legal right to enter."

"I rely on my skills of persuasion. It's all about keeping the situation calm."

After applying to become an inspector in 2012, Miss Bailey faced a rigorous selection process and seven months of training. Inspectors must be prepared for any and every eventuality.

In March this year she helped rescue a tiny muntjac deer trapped between two walls in Headington.

She said: "We were called to a fox trapped between two brick walls - I climbed a wall, went over and realised it had hooves."

In recent months she has also been called to help a sparrowhawk trapped in chicken wire in a Bicester garden, and a two-week-old kitten left in a box on Banbury Road, Oxford.

Miss Bailey will continue filming *The Dog Rescuers* until the end of May. Her first appearance sees her rehoming eight Collie puppies whose owner was unable to cope.



Lauren Bailey, 27, who works in the Banbury area

Waitrose bid now in

BANBURY: A planning application has been formally submitted for a proposed new Waitrose store in Southam Road.

In March, a survey issued by the supermarket chain found that 84 per cent of town residents were in favour of the proposal.

The store would be built on a 29,000 sq ft site of surplus land, in front of the Mondelez International factory.

If the application is approved, work could start near the end of this year.

The target determination date for the application is Monday, July 6, and the deadline for comments is August 10.

Town signature dish

BANBURY: Aspiring chefs are being invited to take part in a competition hosted by tourism group Visit Banbury.

The contest challenges people to invent a new signature dish for the town. It must be savoury, easy to prepare and use fresh ingredients. Participants must suggest a vegetarian alternative if it uses meat or fish.

Recipes will be selected by a panel of judges and finalists invited to cook their dish live at the Cherwell Restaurant on June 25. For more information and to enter, visit tinyurl.com/npzueg

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Social care views

BANBURY: Adult social care users are invited to air their views to Oxfordshire County Council senior staff at a special Hearsay! event next month.

The interactive event, hosted by Healthwatch Oxfordshire, runs from 10am-1pm on Thursday, June 4, at The Mill Arts centre.

To book visit healthwatchoxfordshire.co.uk, call 01865 520520 or email hello@healthwatchoxfordshire.co.uk.

Music therapy

BANBURY: Music therapy will now be available to patients three days a week at Katharine House Hospice.

The Adderbury hospice had offered sessions for three hours a week, courtesy of music therapy and palliative care specialist Kate Binnie.

Funding was secured mainly from trustees and legacies, as only 30 per cent of the hospice's funding comes from the government.

The classes are by appointment. For details, call 01295 816484.

Wildlife photos

OXON: Wildlife lovers have until May 31, to enter their snaps of nature into a summer photography contest.

The Oxford Festival of Nature will take place across the city between June 1-14.

The winner will win a workshop with a professional photographer, and their shots will be exhibited at The Oxford University Museum of Natural History during the festival. See oxfordfestivalofnature.org/.

After revamp, market set to be relaunched

Special event will see live music, balloons and additional stalls

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A JAZZ band, balloon artistry and one-off stalls from local community groups will feature at a special event at Banbury Market.

The bi-weekly market has been revamped, with stalls moved to the pedestrian area of Market Place, and the car park made available every day of the week.

Saturday's event will celebrate the relaunch and ties in with a national campaign to boost local markets.

From 9am to 4.30pm, visitors can enjoy live music as

part of the Love Your Local Market campaign.

Cherwell district councillor Tony Ilott said: "Banbury is a traditional market town and the presence of stalls and traders in the centre has been a continuous sight for more than 400 years.

"Sadly, due to increased competition, footfall has been in decline across the country.

"This campaign is all about reminding people how important it is to retain this historic shopping experience, and we are glad to support it.

"We hope even more people will use the excuse of the relaunch to come down and see just what the traders have to offer."

Individuals and community groups are being invited to register for a free stall for the day.

Spots can be reserved up until Friday by calling

Sketts, which runs the market in partnership with the council, on 01789 267000.

Senior partner Paul Skett said: "We hope as many people as possible will join us to see what a great market Banbury is and celebrate its new look and features."

Love your Local Market 2015 is being led by the National Association of British Market Authorities, which promotes the interests of retail, wholesale and livestock markets, as well as public abattoirs and pleasure fairs.

The campaign began in 2012.

NABMA chief executive Graham Wilson said: "Love your Local Market is the biggest market event in a generation.

"It gives people the choice of a new career and demonstrates how important the market is to the local community."



Geraint Jones, left, of the Camra branch, and John Betts
Ale and hearty at beer festival

ORGANISERS of the 15th annual Banbury Beer Festival have reported the event's highest ever turnout.

It was held between the May 7 and May 9 at the Volunteer Reserve Centre and was organised by the North Oxfordshire Campaign for Real Ale.

The theme this year was Wales and the event featured around 80 different real ales, as well as about 20 ciders and perries.

Branch chairman Geraint Jones said about 1,500 people flooded through the door on the day, which is more than in previous years.

He said: "It was a very successful and enjoyable event, particularly because we sold more beer than last year.

"While the beer was the main focus, there were plenty of other beverages available for customers and it seemed like everyone was enjoying themselves, which was the main thing."

There was also wine on offer, in addition to beer and cheese tasting sessions.

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‘Growth deal’ could create 135,000 jobs

More powers could be transferred to alliance of county councils

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AN EXTRA £9bn per year and a 135,000 jobs boost could come from a “new Growth Deal” to be put forward jointly by leaders of Oxfordshire, Buckinghamshire and Northamptonshire county councils.

New powers, including five-year cash settlements, control of businesses rate increases and joint transport plans, would help create a bonanza of “at least” 135,000 jobs in the counties, according to the three authorities.

It is part of plans to create an “alliance” between the three councils and position the regions as “England’s economic heartland”, a rival to the so-called “Northern powerhouse”.

Of the £9bn they hope to bring in to the economy per year, civic leaders said they would aim for Oxfordshire to net at least a third.

It comes after George Osborne, Chancellor of the Exchequer, announced the door was open for “radical devolution” to England’s cities.

Oxfordshire County Council leader Ian Huspeth said: “England’s Economic Heartland is one of the powerhouses of the UK economy.”

“We want to grow the area’s reputation as a serious destination for new economy industries and their employees, families and supply chains.”

The three counties have drawn up an initial plan in consultation with local enterprise partnerships (LEPs), bodies made up of councils and businesses responsible for funnelling cash into local projects.

Senior Oxfordshire county councillors will meet next Tuesday in County Hall to approve the creation of a “leaders board” comprised of the three council leaders and the chairmen of the three LEPs.

The LEPs and other county councils are expected to decide on the proposal later in the summer.

Once formed, this board would be tasked with thrashing out a final deal with the government.

Among the board’s key priorities would be longer, five-year cash settlements, similar to those enjoyed by national infrastructure bodies such as Network Rail and Highways England.

Charity to tackle death ‘taboo’

OLDER people across the county are being urged to help an Oxfordshire charity tackle the taboos about death this week.

Age UK Oxfordshire is hoping to encourage residents to talk about death and bereavement as part of Dying Matters Week.

The charity wants to get people to talk about dying during the annual campaign to help improve their end-of-life experiences.

Head of carers’ support

Catherine Blaxhall said: “It really does make sense no matter what age you are. It can be extremely difficult starting a conversation with friends and family about your death or theirs.”

“But once you’ve had that discussion, there’s a real sense of comfort knowing that, if or when the worst happened, the person left behind would have some idea about their loved one’s end of life wishes.”

Age UK Oxfordshire is

encouraging residents to write their will, plan their future care and support, as well as plan their funeral and record their final wishes.

The charity was due to host its Living Well, Dying Well event at Oxford Town Hall on Tuesday.

Staff will also be tweeting this week, using the hashtag #YODO, which stands for You Only Die Once. For more details visit ageuk.org.uk/oxfordshire.

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Student makes new logo

Teenager has aspirations to become a graphic designer

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A GRAPHIC design student has been praised for creating a bold new logo for this year's Deddington Festival.

Gemma Riley, 18, from Kings Sutton, was among 12 students from Banbury and Bicester College who submitted designs for the annual event, now in its 13th year.

Her bright image took inspiration from the festival's aim of bringing arts and culture to the local community.

She said: "I very much enjoyed creating this logo and was really pleased that my design was selected."

"I would like to be a graphic designer when I leave college, so supporting a local festival and for my logo design to be featured on their branding and publicity is a great opportunity for me."

Emma Noon, chairman of the Deddington Festival Committee, said: "The committee were really impressed with the quality of work produced by the students."

"We all agreed that Gemma's



The new Deddington Festival logo, designed by Gemma Riley, is being used on the website and publicity materials

design had the edge with a clean design and bright colours."

This year's festival runs from June 12-20, with events and acts celebrating 2015 as the UNESCO Year of Light.

Highlights include a choir concert from Deddington Church Akeman Voices on June 13, a magic illusion act by Windmill Centre duo Clive & Dave on June 14, and laughs from the Cotswold Comedy Club on June 18.

Organised by a group of local residents, the festival began in 2002, as a way for residents in Deddington and surrounding villages to celebrate local talent.

For more information visit deddingtonfestival.org.uk.



A free guided walk around Deddington on June 14, from 2pm, will tell of its history

Fall in claimants

OXON: The number of people claiming Jobseekers Allowance in Oxfordshire has dropped 32 per cent in the last year, latest figures show.

In April this year, 2,762 people were claiming JSA. This was down from 4,073 in April 2014, according to research by the Office for National Statistics.

STEM open day

OXFORD: Female year 11 students with an interest in science and technology can attend an event at Hertford College, Oxford, on June 26.

Girls will have the chance to spend the day sampling academic taster sessions in maths, biology, chemistry, physics, biochemistry, engineering, and computer science.

The access day is open to state school students only.

For more information, visit hertford.ox.ac.uk/women-in-stem-subjects-access-day.

Earthquake cash

OXON: Staff and customers at the Midcounties Co-operative have raised £40,000 to support victims of the earthquakes in Nepal.

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Artists invited to open up studios to the public

Festival allows people to see first-hand work and is good for networking

ONE hundred thousand people will have crossed the thresholds of artists' studios and exhibitions at the end of the 35th Oxfordshire Artweeks festival.

The annual three-week event, which ran in North Oxfordshire from May 2-10, invites local artists to open their doors to the public to experience their work first-hand.

For local artist Caroline Chappell, migration to Oxford this Artweeks Festival provided a valuable networking opportunity.

The Middleton Cheney-based painter and illustrator studied art and education at Homerton College, Cambridge, and went on to teach for years as head of art at the Warriner School, Bloxham.

She said: "I think I was a good teacher because I was always enthusiastic."

"All of the time, I was wanting to say: 'Excuse me, just move over; I'll do what you're doing'."

She gave up teaching about 12 years ago and has only focused solely on her own painting for the last five or six years.

In 2011, Ms Chappell won the ART2 Best Newcomers art award



Artist Caroline Chappell pictured in the Jam Factory with some of her mixed media paintings

Hannah Somerville
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from Banbury Museum. She said: "To be a newcomer at the age of 61 was just gorgeous."

Having built up a following in North Oxfordshire, Mrs Chappell relished the chance to exhibit at Oxford's The Jam Factory and meet some new faces.

She said: "Artweeks has got to be

for the general public. Anything that promotes art has got to be a good thing."

Until Monday a treasure-trove of exhibits will be running across South Oxfordshire.

Co-ordinator Esther Laffertey said: "It's been going great. Word on the street is that lots of people have been coming."

"A lot of artists work in their own, tucked away in their studio,

and it's a chance for them to network."

"It's also a massive contribution to the Oxfordshire economy."

Many of the 403 participating artists will also offer visitors the chance to buy their creations. Artweeks organisers estimate about £1m worth of art is sold over the three-week period.

For more information on events near you, visit artweeks.org.

Relaunch of market

A JAZZ band, balloon artists and one-off stalls from community groups will feature at a special event at Banbury Market.

The bi-weekly market was recently revamped, with stalls moved to the pedestrian area of Market Place and the car park made available every day of the week.

Saturday's event will celebrate the relaunch and ties in with a national campaign to boost local markets. From 9am-4.30pm, visitors can enjoy live music alongside the usual stalls as part of the Love Your Local Market campaign.

New police aims

THAMES Valley Police's new chief constable, Francis Habgood, has laid out his aims for the next year, with priorities being making sure more victims get justice, improving the visibility of the force and working with health services on mental health issues.

Mr Habgood said he also wanted to increase the percentage of rape and violent crime files submitted to the Crown Prosecution Service that are trial ready.

Social media award

A SOCIAL media campaign to promote holiday hubs in Cherwell is up for a national award.

Cherwell District Council took to Facebook and pulled in a record number of bookings.

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Diabetes and your Dog – Dispelling the Myths, Digesting the Facts

What Is It?

Diabetes (or Diabetes Mellitus to use its official title) is a relatively common disease affecting around 1 in every 300* dogs in the UK. Diabetes occurs when the dog can no longer process the sugar (glucose) within its bloodstream in the appropriate manner. The sugar is no longer taken into the cells of the dog's body as efficiently as necessary to be used as energy or to be stored; this means it stays within the dog's blood causing high blood sugar levels, or "hyperglycaemia".

Symptoms of Canine Diabetes

Common symptoms of Diabetes Mellitus in your companion may include:

- Increased thirst and urinating more (often having urinary "accidents" when this was never a previous concern)
- Weight loss, often despite a ravenous appetite
- Vomiting
- Cloudy eyes
- Lethargy, depression and a dull coat

If you are concerned that your pet is showing any of these symptoms at all, please do not hesitate to get in immediate contact with their veterinary surgeon.

Risk Factors for your Dog

Genetic factors often play a role in the development of canine diabetes. Therefore it is important to look at the characteristics and family history of the pet you own and keep a close eye on your pet if diabetes is a known risk factor for your dog. However, if your dog is overweight or obese, they are significantly more likely to develop diabetes than if they are a healthy weight*, regardless of their breed or history.

To keep your pet in top condition, it is vital that you always weigh out their food and follow the feeding guidelines appropriately, for their age, size and activity level. Remember, feeding guides are just that – a guide – and they may need to be tailored to make them appropriate for each individual, so you may need to adjust them slightly depending on your vet's advice. If you do have to use treats, use them wisely, ration them appropriately and take them into account (in terms of the calories they provide) when you feed your dog at meal times.

Above all, keep a close check on your pet's body condition score and seek veterinary advice to help maintain your pet at a healthy weight if you are struggling to do this on your own.

Dispelling the Myths

There are many myths surrounding diabetes, including those which link feeding certain foods to "causing" diabetes. As long as your pet is fed a balanced and

nutritionally complete diet, you will not be putting them "at risk" of diabetes. As discussed earlier, the scientifically proven risk factors for diabetes include genetic factors and obesity. Therefore, the most appropriate thing you can do for your pet is to allow them regular exercise and to feed them a diet which will help to maintain them at an ideal weight for their size.

Managing Diabetes in Your Dog

If your dog has been diagnosed with diabetes, you should always follow your Veterinary Surgeon's advice and always phone for support or take your dog to the vets if you have any concerns about them. Diabetes can have very serious implications for your pet's health, especially if your dog is difficult to get into a manageable routine. Your vet is most likely to advise regular insulin injections, an appropriate veterinary-recommended diet and a consistent exercise plan to help manage your companion's illness. If your dog is an entire female, your vet may also recommend she is neutered; this is because canine female hormones can sometimes make diabetes more difficult to manage. These measures – coupled with regular monitoring of your pet at home and at the veterinary surgery – will give your dog the best chance of living a long and happy life, whilst coping with its diabetes.

ASK THE VET



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Q I want to keep my Labrador at the optimal body condition. However, I am slightly confused by the feeding guidelines on her bags of dry food. I am not sure exactly how much to feed based on the guide, there seems to be so many options! Can you advise?

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We would always recommend weighing your pet's food out at every meal, as feeding in cup measurements is extremely inaccurate. For adult dogs, after a couple of weeks feeding, you should reassess your pet's body condition score and body weight. If these values have remained stable, keep the amount you are feeding the same. If not, adjust the amount you feed your pet accordingly.

You must also ensure your pet has continuous access to fresh drinking water. If your pet is significantly over or underweight, we would advise you consult their vet. Some feeding guides will also indicate how much to feed based on the amount of exercise your pet undertakes – again, just use this as a baseline as to the amount to start your pet on and adjust from there every 2 weeks until stable. For growing pets, consult your vet, breeder or specialist pet food retailer for advice, as you will need to adjust the amount they are fed as they grow, until they have reached their adult weight.



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Director: George Miller.

FASTEN your seat belts and hold on white-knuckle tight as writer-director George Miller invites you to an orgy of high-octane auto mayhem that makes *Fast & Furious 7* look like a sedate Sunday afternoon drive.

Mad Max: Fury Road, the fourth instalment of the post-apocalyptic franchise, delivers a blitzkrieg of propulsive pursuits featuring almost 150 hand-built death machines of every conceivable shape and size.

These thrillingly choreographed sequences of car-mageddon build to a jaw-dropping finale, replete with roof-mouthed metronome-like poles that allow road warriors to swoop down and snatch their prey from adjacent vehicles.

If the original *Mad Max* released in 1979, was soaked in testosterone, *Fury Road* adds a heady whiff of oestrogen by introducing a badass tribe of warrior women called the Vuvalini, who ride proudly into battle armed with explosive-tipped spears.

One prime specimen is Imperator Furiosa (Charlize Theron), the enigmatic driver of a mighty 18-wheeler mobile war rig.

She reports to Immortan Joe (Hugh Keays-Byrne), despotic leader of the Citadel, who is

propagating the species in his cruel image using The Wives.

These five enslaved women (Rosie Huntington-Whiteley, Riley Keough, Zoe Kravitz, Courtney Eaton, Abbey Lee) are impregnated by Immortan Joe to provide him with a viable male heir.

Furiosa kidnaps The Wives and flees across the Wasteland with Immortan Joe and his army in hot pursuit.

Among the chasing horde is shaven-headed, tattooed acolyte Nux (Nicholas Hoult), who believes that death in battle will grant him entry to the warrior paradise of Valhalla.

As Nux puts the pedal to the metal, his poisoned blood is replenished by a living donor, Max Rockatansky (Tom Hardy), strapped to the front of the hot rod.

During the chase, Max breaks free from Nux and begrudgingly helps Furiosa and The Wives to evade Immortan Joe's clutches, bound for a lush oasis known as the Green Place.

Mad Max: Fury Road is a tour-de-force of adrenaline-pumping thrills.

Computer trickery is kept to a bare minimum: stunt drivers actually performed these mind-boggling feats in real vehicles at dizzying speeds.

When director Miller briefly does take his foot off the accelerator, he hopes we'll be giddy enough on exhaust fumes to care deeply about plot and characterisation. Both sit quietly in the back seat, waiting for the next rev of a V8 engine.

Hardy perfects an array of grunts and growls in place of dialogue. He's a dull boy though next to Theron's gutsy alpha female, who goes toe-to-toe and



A scene from *Mad Max: Fury Road*, starring Tom Hardy

Picture: PA
Photo/Jasin Boland/Warner Bros

trades blow for bone-crunching blow with the grizzled anti-hero, channelling her character's sense of loss into vengeance.

Keays-Byrne takes a leaf out of Hardy's book from *The Dark Knight Rises* and dons a night-marish face mask made of horse teeth.

Miller's rambunctious ride is heightened by a deafening soundtrack courtesy of Grammy-nominated composer Junkie XL.

You'll feel the teeth rattle in your head as his sonic boom of drums, strings, thrashing electric guitars and a soaring 80-voice choir competes with the crash-bang-wallop of the on-screen carnage.

Cake Bookworm

The Last Bookaneer by Matthew Pearl is published in hardback by Harvill Secker, priced £17.99 (ebook £9.99).

REMEMBER those episodes of Doctor Who where Charles Dickens met ghosts at Christmas or Agatha Christie got caught up in a murder plot? *The Last Bookaneer* is a similar author-meets-genre tale, an exotic hunt for treasure starring Robert Louis Stevenson. Matthew Pearl is clearly a bibliophile and it shines through in this piratical tale of people paid to loot manuscripts and smuggle them to foreign publishers. There are two of these bookaneers left and this tale focuses on their wonderfully twisty and duplicitous set-up venturing to a Samoan island, where Stevenson has settled down for the last years of his life and is writing a final masterpiece. It all plays out as an evocative Polynesian travelogue with all the audacious thievery of a fun heist film, but with defter

characterisation and substantially more philosophising on the nature of stories.

A Perfect Crime by A Yi is published in hardback by Oneworld Publications, priced £10.99 (ebook £9.11).

IT'S AN ordinary day in provincial China – except for a bored high-school student who is planning to murder his only friend. He invites her round to the flat he shares with his aunt, strangles her, stabs her 37 times, stuffs her head first into the washing machine, and goes on the run. Easily outsmarting the authorities and evading capture, his lust for danger soon takes a reckless hold of him again. He tips off the police as to his whereabouts, and a game of cat and mouse begins. The police still can't catch him, so he gives himself up to face his fate. As the remorseless student's trial begins, we slowly learn his psychological back story.

Hunters In The Dark by Lawrence Osborne is published in hardback by Hogarth, priced £12.99 (ebook £8.99).

LAWRENCE Osborne's new novel has much in common with its predecessor, *The Ballad Of A Small Player*, as a tale of ghosts and gamblers adrift on the edges of South East Asia. Both are the stories of characters trying to live out the romantic dream of Englishmen abroad in the face of modern distractions and sometimes more ancient fears. In this one, a big win in a small casino sets its hero on his way through Cambodia and into the path of ruthless ex-pats, corrupt police officers and burned-out survivors of that country's dreadful past. The languid plot and Osborne's relaxed style make this book too laid-back to qualify as an out and out thriller, but there's enough tension as his characters stumble towards their uncertain fates to keep the pages turning.

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Oxfordshire Listings

Events

WEDNESDAY

Talk: At Mostly Books, 36 Stert Street, Abingdon, Bryan Brown, the Abingdon-based designer and author, will be talking about the life and legacy of educationalist John Henry Brookes, after whom Oxford Brookes University is named. The event coincides with the launch of Mr Brown's book *John Henry Brookes: The Man Who Inspired a University*. 7.30pm. £4. 01235 525880.

Peace exhibition: St Nicolas Church, Market Place, Abingdon, is staging an exhibition of 10 highly-visual colour posters, featuring the distinctive graphic art of Emily Johns of Peace News, celebrating key figures and events from the First World War anti-war movement. Also on display will be poems and songs commissioned by Peace News on the same theme. Free. Continues until Tuesday, May 26. 01235 526265.

Metal exhibition: *Forged in Fire – Oxfordshire Metal Through Time* is at the Oxfordshire Museum, Park Street, Woodstock. It brings together many unusual objects, including a medieval bell and the spikes on the infamous ‘Cutteslowe Wall’. Until July 5. Free. 01993 811456.

THURSDAY

Talk: *Ask Me Another* by Ron Spiers, a former professor at the Royal London Hospital and the College of Surgeons, will be at Methodist Church, High Street, Witney: In the talk, hosted by Witney U3A (University of the Third Age), he will share his experiences as an examiner of student medics and dentists – it is partly serious, but mainly light hearted. 2pm. Free to members. 01993 779168.

Free legal clinic: Get free wills and employment advice from experts at Woodstock Town Hall, Market Place, from 10am-noon. You can drop in, or book an appointment on 01869 244329.

FRIDAY

Nepal fundraiser: Charity dinner and dance in aid of the Nepal earthquake appeal by the Disasters Emergency Committee, held at Stevenston House Hotel, Milton Hill, Stevenston. 7pm. Tickets £35 each, only in advance from 07725 364883.

SATURDAY

Scarecrow trail: East Hagbourne is holding its annual event for the 11th year. Buy a map at the village shop or at the Fleur pub for £1 and follow the scarecrow trail around the village, then vote for your favourite creation. There will be tea and cakes at St Andrew's Church from 3-5pm for the next three Sundays. Proceeds will go St Anne's Hospital in Liuli, Tanzania. 01235 813393.

Open gardens, South Newington: Two gardens in the village will be open from 2-5pm as part of the National Gardens Scheme. Bush House in Wigginton Road and South Newington House, off Barford Road OX15 4JL. Plants and homemade teas will be for sale. There is limited wheelchair access to South Newington House. Entry to each is £4.50 for adults, free for children.

Great Coxwell village, Main Street: Local artists are exhibiting at various venues in the village, from the Great Barn to St Giles Church, as part of Oxfordshire Artweeks. There will be displays of painting, drawing, photography, stone carving, ceramics, jewellery, printmaking,

handmade books and 'green' woodworking. A trail map will be provided at all the venues. Exhibitions will be open Saturday and Sunday this week. 11am-5.30pm. Free admission. You can get creative in the Big Barn Draw at the Great Barn. The Reading Room will serve coffees, lunches and teas and the church will host a plant stall. Proceeds to Reading Room and St Giles Church. 01367 242768.

Open gardens, Long Hanborough: Some 13 beautiful gardens (large and small) will be open in the village, with teas on sale in the gardens. Programmes and plant stall at Recreation Hall, Witney Road. Profits to Bridewell Organic Gardens and Riding for the Disabled. 2pm. £3 per adult. 01993 881597.

Ramble, Eynsham: Bicester and Kidlington Ramblers are organising a leisurely six-mile picturesque circular walk across the countryside from Eynsham via South Leigh passing the 12th-century church of St James the Great. Meet at Clover Place car park, Eynsham ref. SP431094. Dogs on leads please. 10.30am. Contact: Ora Sapir 01865 373241.

Plant sale, Hailey: Great choice of vegetables, annuals, perennials and shrubs at the sale at the village hall, Middleton, Hailey, organised by Hailey Gardening Club. Opens at 10am. 01993 899125.

Plant and book sale, Steeple Aston: Held in the extensive gardens of Cedar Lodge, North Side, Steeple Aston, long-time home of author Iris Murdoch. In aid of OXPIP (The Oxford Parent Infant Project). 10am.

Plant sale, Sunningwell: Sunningwell and District Gardening Club will be holding its annual sale at Sunningwell Primary School. Plants, home-made cakes and jams for sale. 10am-noon.

Country show, Brightwell-cum-Sotwell: There will be vintage vehicles, birds of prey, a pets corner, llamas, dog and Shetland pony agility events, live music and dance, children's entertainment, plus craft and trade stalls at Island Farm Donkey Sanctuary, Old Didcot Road. Fun dog show from 2pm. Saturday and Sunday from 10am-5pm. Adults £5, children/OAPs £3, under-fives free. 01491 833938 or donkeyrescue.org.uk

Flower festival, Shipton-under-Wychwood: Talented local flower arrangers are staging a display at the 900-year-old St Mary's Church in Church Street. Refreshments will be served. £3. Runs until Monday. 01993 830365.

Sculpture exhibition: Oxfordshire's largest outdoor sculpture exhibition will be held at Bothy Vineyard, Frilford Heath, OX13 6QW, in a beautiful setting for English Wine Week. It will feature more than 200 quality sculptures by about 30 artists, situated in seven acres of the oldest vineyard/winery in the county. Refreshments and parking available. All sculptures are for sale – in aid of the Nasio trust. Free entry. May 23-25, 28-31 and June 4-7. 11am-6pm.

Earth Trust, Little Wittenham: The trust is organising a 'Little Explorers' event, a sensory buggy walk for babies and toddlers, using their senses to learn about the natural world. No need to book. 10am. £4 donation per child, free for accompanying adult(s). At 7pm, the Earth Trust is organising a free guided walk to discover the traditional uses of the trees and wild plants growing in its

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arboretum in Little Wittenham. 01865 407792.

Plant sale and big breakfast, Weston-on-the-Green: Held at Weston-on-the-Green Village Hall. Proceeds to the St Mary's Church roof repair fund. 9am.

SUNDAY

Ramble, Hook Norton: A leisurely 10-mile circular walk in the area organised by Bicester and Kidlington Ramblers. Meet at Scotland End near Pear Tree pub, Hook Norton, ref. SP351332, Bring a picnic lunch. Dogs on leads please. 10am. Contact: Lionel Howse 01869 601442.

MONDAY

Village fete, Wheatley: Annual United Reformed Church fete in beautiful village gardens at 116 Church Road, Wheatley. Afternoon teas, games for all ages and cake, book and plant stalls. 2pm. Free entry. 01844 339384.

TUESDAY

Bob Harris in conversation: The Radio 2 DJ and former presenter of TV's *The Old Grey Whistle Test* and will be sharing anecdotes and stories from his 40 years in the music industry at Blackwell's Bookshop, 48-51 Broad Street, Oxford. After the talk, he will be signing copies of his new autobiography *Still Whispering After All the Years*. 7pm. £3. 01865 333623.

Historical talk: Kidlington and District Historical Society will be hosting a talk by Gillian White entitled *Bess of Hardwick* at St John Ambulance Hall, High Street (opposite Tesco), Kidlington. 7.50pm. £3.50 (50p if you are under 26). 01865 375758.

Music

FRIDAY

English Music Festival: The four-day programme of classical music concerts gets under way at 7.30pm. The festival will be launched by the BBC Concert Orchestra under conductor Martin Yates at Dorchester Abbey, near Wallingford, with the UK premiere of the overture *The New Age* by Richard Arnell and also includes the *Bucolic Suite* by Ralph Vaughan Williams and Finzi's *Cello Concerto*. There will be minibus transfer from Didcot Parkway station to festival venues in Dorchester, Radley and Sutton Courtenay. Tickets for events range from £10-£22. See englishmusicfestival.org.uk

FRIDAY

Chipping Norton Theatre, 2 Spring Street: Gypsy Fire stage their new *Acoustic Spectacular* theatre show, propelling you on a musical journey through style and time. It features the award-winning jazz violinist Ben Holder, gypsy guitarists Will Barnes and Stuart Carter-Smith and the double bass of Paul Jefferies. 7.45pm. £16. 01608 642350.

SATURDAY

St Mary's Church, The Green, Witney: Concert: Lower Windrush

Choral Society and their sister choir from France, L'Ensemble Vocal Montclair, present choral classics including Faure Cantique de Jean Racine, Handel Zadok the Priest, Mozart Ave Verum Corpus and Parry I Was Glad, 6pm. £10 on the door or from Rapture, Woolgate, Witney and St Andrew's Bookshop, Witney.

The Cellar, Frewin Court, Oxford: Gig by Ex-Easter Island Head, a Liverpool-based musical collective composing and performing music for solid-body electric guitar, percussion and other instruments. 7.30pm. £8 in advance/£9 on the door.

Shulman Auditorium, The Queen's College, High Street, Oxford: Singing performance by Caroline Halls and Mikey Pandya as part of the Eglesfield Music Society Saturday recital series.

SUNDAY

Jacqueline du Pré Music Building, St Hilda's College, Cowley Place, Oxford: Rozzy and Mr Cello stage a family cushion concert, introducing the double bass to children and their families, up close and fun, in a special music building. Bring your own cushions. 10am. £5, or £16 for family of four. 01865 286660.

Old Fire Station, 40 George Street, Oxford: Soweto Spiritual Singers, an all-singing, all-dancing quartet whose performance style comes from the South African a capella gospel tradition. 3pm. £15, concessions £10. 01865 305305.

Theatre

WEDNESDAY

Corn Exchange, Wallingford: *The Birthday Party*, presented by The Sinodun Players. In Harold Pinter's funny, tense and thought-provoking play, Stanley Webber's birthday turns into a nightmare when two strangers arrive out of the blue at the boarding house where he lodges. Their seemingly-vested interest in Stanley causes events to take a disturbing turn for the worse. Performances from Wednesday-Saturday at 7.45pm. £10. 01491 825000.

New Theatre, Oxford: *Jersey Boys*, the tale of Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons, featuring songs such as *Can't Take My Eyes Off You*, *Oh What a Night*, *Sherry* and *Bye Bye Baby*. Until Saturday. 7.30pm, plus 2.30pm on Thursday and Saturday

O'Reilly Theatre (Kemble College), Blackhall Road, Oxford: Staging or Stephen Sondheim's *Passion*, about young soldier Giorgio, who is transferred to a bleak and remote military outpost, forcing him to leave behind his long-term lover Clara. There he encounters a mentally ill woman who falls obsessively in love with him, which has shattering emotional consequences for them both. Until Saturday. 7.30pm. £9, concessions £7.

FRIDAY

Cornerstone Arts Centre, Didcot:

European Arts returns with a thrilling adaptation of Wilde's only novel, *The Picture of Dorian Gray*. Set in the decadent world of Victorian London, a beautiful young man called Dorian Gray makes a Faustian pact that he will remain forever young while his portrait grows old. Expect drawing-room comedy and Gothic horror. For ages 11 and over. 8pm. Adults £15, concessions £13.50. 01235 515144.

Finstock Village Hall: The Lempen Puppet Theatre Company presents *Little Frankenstein*. Frank Stein has had enough with his badly made puppets, but, taking inspiration from the scientist Dr Frankenstein and with the help of the audience he creates a new real live puppet that is destined to change this life forever. 4.15pm. Tickets £8, under 12s £4 from wegottickets.com/event/309385

SATURDAY

The Mill Arts Centre, Banbury: The three-man comedy troupe Reduced Shakespeare Company is touring with its latest show *The Complete Works of Comedy (Abridged)*, looking at questions such as which are the most and least funny nationalities and why, in fact, did the chicken cross the road. Suitable for ages 10 and over. 7.30pm. Adults £14, concessions £12. 01295 279002.

MONDAY

Chipping Norton Theatre, 2 Spring Street: *The Boy Who Bit Picasso*, an interactive theatre show for everyone aged four upwards. With storytelling, music and lots of opportunities to make your own art, this hands-on family show introduces one of the most influential artists through the eyes of a young boy. Wear some play-clothes because it may get messy. Shows at 11.30am and 2.30pm. £8.50. 01608 642350.

TUESDAY

Finstock Village Hall: Sea Legs Theatre presents *Little Bo Peep*, a show especially created for children aged two-seven. Sing along to your favourite nursery rhymes and watch them come to life before your eyes. As well as music, there are puppets and scenery. 2.30pm. £8, under 12s £5 from wegottickets.com/event/309389

Comedy

SATURDAY

Cornerstone Arts Centre, Didcot: Zoe Lyons brings her critically acclaimed solo show *Mustard Cutter* from last year's Edinburgh Festival on tour. For ages 14 and over. 8pm. Adults £15, concessions £13.50. 01235 515144.

Glee Club, Hythe Bridge Street, Oxford: Four top comics from the UK and international comedy circuit perform. 7.15pm. £14.50. 0871 472 0400.

Old Fire Station, 40 George Street, Oxford: Abi Roberts invites you to go downtown with her Labrador Al Qaeda as she brings her tales of Welsh debauchery, the perils of singing karaoke in Moscow and an unfortunate incident with Jeremy Clarkson in Harrods. 9pm. £7, £6 concessions. 01865 305305.

SUNDAY

Old Fire Station, 40 George Street, Oxford: Comic, poet and reformed psychiatric nurse Rob Gee presents a user-friendly guide to losing the plot in his show *Fruitcake – Ten Commandments from the Psych Ward*. 5pm. £8, £7 concessions. 01865 305305.

CakeSport



TON-UP: Tim Paine hit a century for Banbury **Pic:** Steve Wheeler

Paine's century boosts Banbury

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A MEASURED century from Tim Paine and another ruthless performance in the field saw Banbury to a second win on the bounce in Division 1 as they triumphed by 133 runs at Tring Park.

Banbury skipper Luke Ryan elected to bat on what looked a challenging pitch, anticipating spin later in the day.

Paine was up to the task as, while partners fell at the other end, he used a watchful approach and rotated the strike well early in his innings.

The evergreen Simon

CRICKET – HCPL

Stanway (3-38) was typically probing in the helpful conditions and Banbury were soon 50-3.

But Paine continued to prosper, making 109 off 128 balls with 11 fours to usher Banbury to 206-8 off 50 overs.

Ashley Blanchard gave Banbury the perfect start to Tring's innings as the dangerous Robin Pritchard edged to Richard West at second slip, off the fourth ball.

Liam Manley was equally

disciplined and he snared Duncan Maddinson and Matthew Grinham in quick succession to leave Tring 18-3.

Banbury's change bowlers kept up the pressure.

Shelvin Gumbs edged Ollie Wright to first slip where Jimmy Phillips took the first of three catches in succession, as Maddinson followed in the same fashion and Payne also edged a West off break.

Ryan (3-7) brought himself into the attack and swiftly mopped up the tail as Tring were skittled for 73

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ARIES

Mar 21-Apr 19

Time spent on your career pays dividends this week as you get to discover what you need to do to shape your future in a way which can allow you to have a personal as well as a professional life. Don't be afraid to speak my mind to family about recent events. It can help the innocent party in recent dramas to remain innocent. Ring now to find out what else your future holds.

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LIBRA

Sep 23-Oct 22

Trust has been an issue for you lately, but as you enter this week you start to see with clarity who has your best interests at heart and who is simply 'in it to win it'. You'll be making up with some faces and cutting others completely out of your life. Paperwork signed over the coming days marks a really exciting new chapter and venture in your life. Ring now to hear about tomorrow today.

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TAURUS

Apr 20-May 20

You've been absent minded for a little while regarding dealing with issues around your personal needs. By admitting what and who you really want and need in order to be happy, you will start to discover that all you want can be yours. Emotionally, you're exhausted so get a few early nights in time to Friday when you'll be finding out how much others care for you. Ring now to celebrate your new life ahead.

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SCORPIO

Oct 23-Nov 21

Things you commit to this week mark a really important time for you personally where you're finally willing to invest in others without fear of being hurt, as was previously the case. You need to slow down in relationships and let others show you what they can offer you or you'll end up feeling like you don't have any control. Ring now to hear how Saturn fixes financial crises.

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GEMINI

May 21-Jun 20

Someone you thought you could trust has let you down and, in the process, you have been left unsure as to what to do with your future. You just have to put one foot in front of the other Gemini and you need to acknowledge that you can and should trust in yourself. You have the power to make your future a great one so have faith in who you are and your dreams. Ring now to find out what I know about you.

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


CANCER

Jun 21-Jul 22

A fresh perspective on life leads you to want to do more with your time and energy. Don't be afraid to change arrangements this week as it's clear from your stars that you've been dancing to everyone's beat but your own. Your need to complete something could well see you agreeing to cut corners which you'd usually avoid. Careful. Ring now for the long down on love affairs this year.

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


LEO

Jul 23-Aug 22

Family want to know more than you're willing to let on and if you're not happy you're going to end up being cornered into something you don't want to do. A fall out in the family doesn't concern you. Don't do anything to change this place. A new social outlet could turn out to be the perfect tonic to an otherwise business filled week. Ring now so I can tell you what your future holds.

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VIRGO

Aug 23-Sep 22

There is a sense of urgency about this week which may make it hard for you to know if you can trust all in you are feeling or if you are just pushing through with things. Time spent with family helps you to discover what really went on this time last month. Dreams have meanings this week, so listen to them. Ring to hear how your element of earth helps you seal great financial deals now.

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PISCES

Feb 19-Mar 20

Try to be nice to all new faces you meet this week as those you think don't hold any power to help your career could in fact hold all of it. Taking your time over contractual matters can help you see with clarity what needs to be done to get the best out of the deal. Don't fall out with family, some of them are going through more than you could imagine. Ring now to reveal your true calling.

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


SAGITTARIUS

Nov 22-Dec 21

Others listen when you speak this week, so try to think about it as you're saying or you could end up leading close ones up a very windy garden path. There is a hectic air about your chart this week which means make it hard for you to achieve any semblance of order, but by ensuring you are the one who makes plans and decides what happens for you can keep the upper hand. Ring now, we have much to discuss.

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


CAPRICORN

Dec 22-Jan 19

Try not to judge others too harshly this week or you could be in danger of losing a new and exciting friendship. If you believe all that others tell you, then you will end up with a skewed outlook. Many of the signs are talking for the sake of it. You're tired, I see, and need to learn to live in life this week to suit your needs and not just the demands of others. Ring now for your future in full.

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AQUARIUS

Jan 20-Feb 18

Your element of air is making it hard for you to say no to the offers in front of you, but others may go out of their way to do what they've promised, so try to think of all that's involved before you make commitments you cannot keep to. A new attraction comes at a price, so weigh up the pros and cons before you make the next move. Ring now to hear about your week in full.

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In brief

■ The dealer principal of award-winning Mitsubishi dealership Firs Garage, in Hook Norton, is lending his former school a top-selling plug-in hybrid vehicle so that students can learn about its game-changing technology. Dean Wood, who attended Sibford School in the 1970s, said: "The Outlander PHEV has really made the motor industry sit up and take notice. It's brimful of the technology of the future, so it makes perfect sense that students learn about it."

■ Rolls-Royce has announced the name of its forthcoming new drophead, will be known as the Dawn. The car was unveiled to representatives of the marque's 130-strong global dealer network at the 2015 Rolls-Royce World Dealer Conference in Los Angeles. Torsten Mueller-Oetvoes, chief executive officer, said: "Our new Rolls-Royce Dawn promises a striking, seductive encounter like no other Rolls-Royce to date. Dawn is a beautiful new open-top motor car with a name that suggests the fresh opportunities that every new day holds."

Dacia MCV set to shake things up

Auto Facts

Model: Dacia Logan Laureate
1.5 dCi 90 MCV
Price: £10,795
Insurance group: 12
Fuel consumption (Combined): 74.3mpg
Top speed: 107mph
Length: 449.2cm/176.9in
Width: 199.4cm/78.5in
Luggage capacity: 20.2 cu ft
Fuel tank capacity: 11 gallons/50 litres
CO₂ emissions: 99g/km
Warranty: Three years/60,000 miles

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OCCASIONALLY, a car is launched at precisely the right time to take the market by storm, but it not often an entire brand arrives at the perfect moment.

Dacia, Romania's national vehicle manufacturer, originally built several Renault cars under licence, but was bought by the French car maker in 1999.

Former Renault chairman, Louis Schweitzer, had spotted a new market opportunity, making affordable new cars for the lower and middle classes in emerging markets, particularly in central Europe.

What he had not foreseen was the global market collapse in 2008 which saw the clamour for competitively-priced cars expand across Europe.

One of those is the Logan MCV (Max Capacity Vehicle), a five-seater estate offering masses of space and a starting price of just under £7,000.

Renault managed to keep the price of the Moroccan-built estate low by using parts and equipment from current and previous generation Renault group cars. Cynics might say that it is saving money by using



The Dacia Logan Laureate 1.5 dCi 90 MCV

old technology, while Renault argues that the running gear is truly tried and tested.

The Logan MCV is a big estate offering 20 cubic feet of luggage space even with the rear seats in place. Flop them down and a van-like 53.6 cubic feet of load space opens up.

Overall, the MCV measures 4.4m and is able to carry items up to 2.7m long with the rear seats flipped and the sill is just 58.9cm above ground level.

The ride is soft, but comfortable enough and handling is tuned for comfort, though road noise intrudes at higher speeds.

Power comes from Renault's global top-selling 1.5 diesel, in 90 horsepower form, with impressive fuel consumption and 99g/km CO₂ emissions which mean there is no annual road tax to pay.

Despite the low price tag, even the entry-level model is far from basic with power steering, body-coloured bumpers, daytime running lights, split/folding rear seat and roof bars.

Ironically, the world financial crisis turned the small Dacia marque into Europe's fastest growing automotive brand in Europe for eight years in a row.

Festival of vintage machines

Take to the air or stay on the ground

MORE than 50 exotic, vintage and classic cars will form the centrepiece of test-track demonstrations at the Flywheel Festival at Bicester Heritage on June 20 and 21, the first major public event to be held at the UK's best preserved Second World War bomber station.

A one-day ticket costing £25 (£30 if bought on the gate) will allow visitors to get up close to feature displays of historic cars, aircraft and military vehicles from the First World War, Second World War and early 1950s.

Live music from singers and bands representing the various eras will add yet more to the

atmosphere, while a vintage trade fair will offer period costumes, accessories and souvenirs.

The cars will include Ferrari, Maserati, Aston Martin and Jaguar C-Type sports cars commemorating the 60th anniversary of the Mille Miglia motor race in Italy, as well as single-seat racing cars of the immediate pre-war and post-war periods.

Road cars from the Edwardian era to the early 1960s will be on show in parades and as part of motor club displays.

Military vehicle enthusiasts and re-enactor groups are planning to take full advantage of Bicester airfield's unique "timewarp"

background of hangars, air-raid shelters and wartime buildings.

The weekend will mark the return of the sole flying Bristol Blenheim bomber.

Other flying attractions will include the Great War Display Team, who plan to field a record ten First World War types in "dogfight" display as would have been seen from the trenches 100 years ago.

The 1930s golden age of flying will be represented by the Tiger Nine, all-Tiger Moth flying display team and line-ups of aircraft from the Vintage Aircraft Club and Vintage Glider Club.

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